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ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN

Elections to the Board of Trustees of the International Institute for the Advancement of Women

Note by the Secretariat

1. Under the provisions of the statute of the Institute, the Board of Trustees is composed of 11 members nominated by States and appointed by the Economic and Social Council with due regard to the fact that the Institute and its work are funded from voluntary contributions and to the principle of equitable geographical distribution. Members of the Board serve in their individual capacities for a term of three years from the date of appointment. They are eligible for reappointment by the Council for one further term. The current membership of the Board is given in annex I below.

2. At its first regular session of 1983, the Council, on the proposal of the President, decided to maintain the existing de facto geographical balance of the Board without prejudice to any further decision the Council might wish to take with regard to the composition of the Board and the distribution of seats on it (see E/1983/SR.13). Accordingly, in order to maintain the existing geographical balance, the vacancies arising from the expiration on 30 June 1994 of the terms of office of five members should be filled by the appointment of one member from each of the five regional groups concerned.

3. The following candidates were nominated by their Governments. Biographical information on the candidates is contained in annex II below.

African States

Hoda Badran (Egypt)

Fatima Benslimane Hassar (Morocco)

Rokiatou Kéita (Mali)

Asian States

Haya Hussain Al-Shomaly (Bahrain)

Soedarsono (Indonesia)

Eastern European States

No nominations received

Latin American and Caribbean States

D. Gail Saunders (Bahamas)

Western European and other States

Selma Acuner (Turkey)

Annex I

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING INSTITUTE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN

Membership from 1 July 1993

	Term expires on 30 June
Ihsan Abdalla Algabashawi (Sudan)	1995
Fatima Benslimane Hassar (Morocco)*	1994
Noëlie Kangoye (Burkina Faso)	1996
Gule Afruz Mahbub (Bangladesh)*	1994
Aida González Martínez (Mexico)	1995
Amara Pongsapich (Thailand)	1996
Els Postel-Coster (Netherlands)	1995
Pilar Escario Rodríguez-Spiteri (Spain)	1996
Gail Saunders (Bahamas)*	1994
Renata Siemienska-Zochowska (Poland)*	1994
Kristin Tornes (Norway)*	1994

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* Retiring member.

Annex II

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Selma Acuner (Turkey). Director-General in charge of the Status and Problems of Women in the Office of the Prime Minster. Formerly Director of Courses and lecturer at the University of Ankara-European Community Research Centre. Has specialized in the areas of socio-economic development planning; women in development issues; gender and development; human resources development and management. Has supervised the incorporation of women and development and gender and development components in government policies and is currently responsible for coordinating the preparations at the national level for the Fourth World Conference on Women. Is the national coordinator of three co-projects with the World Bank on women's employment, women entrepreneurs and national day-care centres. Author of several publications and papers related to women and gender. Organized a number of conferences at the national level on issues relevant to women. Participated in and represented her country at several international conferences and meetings concerned with women and gender issues.

Hava Hussain Al-Shomaly (Bahrain). Director of the Department of Social Research and Assistance. Specializes in social development and social welfare programmes and services. Responsible for the preparation of studies and reports on, for example, social indicators; the effect of foreign child-care personnel on the characteristics of the family; the situation of the aged; the economic and social situation of Bahraini women and other aspects related to the national socio-economic context. Has organized a number of symposiums and training courses at the national level on various aspects of social development. Has participated in conferences at the international and regional levels related to the situation of Arab women, with special focus on their participation in development.

Hoda Badran (Egypt). Secretary General, National Council for Women and Children, Cairo; Chairperson, Alliance for Arab Women. Specializes in community organizations and citizens' participation. Author of a number of publications related to women, such as female heads of households; rural women and sustainable development; safe motherhood' social aspects of introducing biogas particularly in relation to women, women's problems and urbanization. Has also focused on problems related to the child and worked as regional adviser for women's programmes for UNICEF covering the Arab region.

Fatima Benslimane Hassar (Morocco). President/Director, Moroccan Child Welfare League; member, bureau of the Association for UNICEF; Secretary-General of the Association of Friends of Foreign Students in Morocco. Founding member of the Moroccan Family Planning Association and the Pan-African Family Organization. Has attended various women's development programmes in the United States of America and Europe. Has also attended, as a representative of her country, several international and regional conferences concerning women and development. Has published a document on China with the International Union for Child Welfare (IUCW), as well as articles on the emancipation of women in the national press

and international reviews concerning women. Has served for one term on the INSTRAW Board of Trustees.

Rokiatou Keita (Mali). Chief of Cabinet of the Presidency of the Republic of Mali. Specialized in environmental geography; has vast teaching research and administrative experience in her field of expertise. Was in charge of the Hydraulic and Energy Department of Mali responsible for studying the development of the river basins. Author of a number of publications related to river basin development; population and development; women and the socio-economic development of Mali population movement resulting from construction of barrages and river basin development. Has participated in international encounters related to her field of work.

D. Gail Saunders (Bahamas). Director of the Department of Archives. President of the Bahamas Historical Society. Member of the Commission to plan a National Museum for the Commonwealth of the Bahamas. Doctor of Philosophy-History. Professional experience mainly in archives and public records. Carried out numerous assignments related to the history and culture of the Bahamas. Participated in various international and regional conferences relevant to archives, and Bahamian history. Author of some books and many articles and papers on Bahamian history. Has served for one term on INSTRAW Board of Trustees.

Soedarsono (Indonesia). Assistant Minister in the Ministry of the Role of Women and Professor of Human Resource Economics. Responsible for policy advocacy and development planning for the enhancement of women's role in national development. An academic who has held a variety of senior positions at university level. Has directed graduate programmes in economics and manpower planning. Author of numerous research studies, mostly in the field of economics, manpower planning; employment structures; impact of the transfer of technology in Indonesia. Has participated in exchange programmes at the international level in his field of expertise.